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State Victims' Program to Provide up to \$2 Million for Trauma Recovery Centers

Sacramento, CA – The California Victim Compensation Program (CalVCP) is seeking applications for grant awards to trauma recovery centers in California. A total funding amount of up to two million dollars will be awarded to the selected trauma recovery center(s) to provide critical services to victims of crime.

The grant program will focus on serving vulnerable and underserved victims of crime and will give preference to trauma recovery centers that conduct outreach to and serve victims who typically are unable to access traditional services, and to those centers that serve a wide range of victims including survivors of sexual assault, human trafficking, domestic violence, physical assault, shooting, stabbing, and vehicular assault.

CalVCP is seeking applicants that provide the following resources, treatment and recovery services to crime victims:

- Mental health treatment services
- Assertive community-based outreach and clinical case management
- Coordination of care among medical and mental health care providers, law enforcement agencies, crime victim service providers and other social service agencies
- Services to family members and loved ones of homicide victims
- A multidisciplinary staff of clinicians that includes licensed psychiatrists, psychologists and social workers.

Applicants are required to assist victims with applying for crime victim compensation and collaborate with other community service groups, such as county victim assistance centers, domestic violence shelters and sexual assault crisis centers. In addition, applicants must facilitate the cooperation between victims and law enforcement and provide training to law enforcement, community-based agencies and other health care providers.

Applications must be submitted by email and received no later than 2:00 p.m. Pacific Standard Time on August 1, 2014. For more information about this grant opportunity, visit http://www.vcgcb.ca.gov/board/grants.aspx

The California Victim Compensation Program (CalVCP) provides compensation for victims of violent crime who are injured or threatened with injury. Among the crimes covered are domestic violence, child abuse, sexual and physical assault, homicide, robbery, and vehicular manslaughter. Last fiscal year, the program assisted more than 600 individuals each week, and provided nearly \$62 million in compensation to crime victims.

If a person meets eligibility criteria, CalVCP will compensate many types of services when the costs are not covered by other sources. Eligible services include medical and dental care, mental health services, income loss, funeral expenses, rehabilitation and relocation. Funding for CalVCP comes from restitution fines and orders, penalty assessments levied on persons convicted of crimes and traffic offenses, and matching federal funds.

For more information about victims' rights and services, visit CalVCP at <u>calvcp.ca.gov</u>.